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**“SHOW DON’T TELL” SENTENCE ACTIVITY**

*Rewrite these sentence so they SHOW the detail versus just telling it. Try NOT to use the words AM, IS, ARE, WAS, WERE, and THERE. Instead use specific action verbs and adjectives with vivid description. You are writing only one sentence for each.*

Example: She was an ugly witch.

*The grotesque old woman cackled at anyone who walked by her eerie broken-down house.*

*(The sentence doesn’t specifically say “She was an ugly witch,” but the vivid details infer that description. Your job is to revise the sentences below to SHOW the meaning of the sentence. Give your sentences some action!)*

1. The house was dilapidated.
2. He was dressed in weird clothing.
3. The child was having a tantrum.
4. My room was a mess.
5. It would take a lot of work to clean up the yard.
6. I could tell the little girl was spoiled.
7. The dog was cute.
8. She was gorgeous.
9. She was embarrassed.
10. It was a peaceful place.
11. He was exhausted.
12. It was a stormy night.
13. The player hit a home run.
14. The movie scared me.
15. The goal she scored made everyone excited.